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Graduation

Superior General of Josephite Fathers Speaks To 186 Graduates and Guests

The seniors will bid farewell to All Saints on June 24. On that Sunday afternoon at four o'clock they will receive their diplomas, the final achievement of four years of prayer, study and laughter.

Present at the exercises will be the parents and friends of the graduates and, of course, the faculty of All Saints who guided and maybe sometimes pushed them along from their freshman year.

Father Greco will distribute the diplomas, medals and awards that are the usual procedure at the ceremony. After everyone has received her diploma the guest speaker, the Very Reverend George O'Dea, S.S.J., will give a talk directed to the graduates. Father O'Dea is Superior General of the Josephite Fathers of Baltimore, Maryland. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will complete the exercises and the graduates will leave the Church.

Best wishes to all the senior classes. May God grant each of you success in all your endeavors.

Bus Ride Proves Different and Enjoyable

On May 24, All Saints had its annual outing to Rye Beach and, as usual, a good time was had by all.

All Saints left for Rye Beach at 9 o'clock while the weather was still somewhat unsure of itself. After arriving at the beach the weather turned out to be perfect for an outing of this kind. The various rides and attractions at Rye Beach offer a pleasant and most exciting time to all. The girls, being in somewhat of a lethargy the next day, affirmed this fact.

After enjoying a very pleasant, exciting and unforgettable day the girls reluctantly returned to their buses and the trip home was begun.

All students, from Freshmen to Seniors, enjoyed this annual outing and most likely are already looking forward to next year's trip!



Seniors Enjoy Prom Night

On May 19, 1962, the seniors of our school enjoyed a delightful evening at their Prom in the Sky Top Room of the Hotel Statler Hilton. The Prom got off to a fine start as the Royal Tones played music for the memorable occasion. They played a variety of dances from the Charleston to the Twist.

A sparkling red water fountain was situated at the entrance of the room, with a punch bowl on each side of the fountain. Each table was decorated in red with two white candles placed in the center. An elegant meal was served in French style.

As the evening passed on, each girl anxiously awaited the selection of the Queen and her ten Princesses. Cosima Mastrototaro was chosen Queen of the Prom and Ann Cassidy, Maureen Harrington, Catherine Jacobson, Bernadette Kiernan, Joanne Long, Elizabeth McDermott, Joanne Prusak, Rosemarie Sanguino, Margaret Sweeney and Barbara Thompson were chosen as the ten Princesses. The Queen and the Princesses were each awarded beautiful gifts that were greatly appreciated.

The night ended with the Grand March. All the girls in their beautiful gowns lined up with their escorts to proceed in the Grand March. After the Grand March the band played the melody of our school song, "Excelsior." Each couple left the Prom with memories that will last forever.

Junior and Senior Stenos Win Honors

All Saints sent its finest stenographers to participate in the Annual Sten Contest sponsored by the Pitman Company.

The competition was held May 26 at Washington Irving High School in New York. Schools all over the city were entered.

The rating is based on teams, an 80 word per minute group and 100 word per minute group. Those entered in the 80 wpm were:

Joanne Pecce, Antonia Tesu, Christine Radlak, Carolyn Bedell and Carol Ann Casale. The 100 wpm stenographers were Dagmar Santangelo, Rosemarie Capobianco, Betty Musso, Ann Griffin and Marilyn Hein.

Some of the seniors entered the 120 wpm competition. This is not included in the rating of the two teams.

Certificates and dictionaries went to Antonia Tesu and Carolyn Bedell for achieving 100% in the 80 wpm team. Dagmar Santangelo received the same for perfect transcripts in the 100 wpm team.

The following were awarded certificates for getting over 98% in the 80 wpm: Carol Ann Casale, Joanne Pecce, and Christine Radlak. Rosemarie Capobianco, Marilyn Hein, Betty Musso and Ann Griffin also received certificates for over 98% in the 100 wpm.

Carol Feeney, Josephine Bongiovanni and Carolyn Bivona were awarded gold medals for 100% in the 120 wpm competition.

Bazaar

Frosh and Juniors Tie For First Place

The annual bazaar was held on May 18, up to and including May 27. The afternoon of May 21 was given to the high school for them to try their luck at the wheels of chance.

Each class aimed at a quota of two chance books per girl. Competition was great, as is proved by the fact that there was a tie for the sale of chance books quota. The 3B-1 and 1B-7 booths reached their goal at the same time.

As the girls contributed all they could, they were recompensed by the fact that they could see the progress being made on the much needed additional wing to All Saints School.

Beatific Vision

Our Final Reward

Must you wear a sweater tomorrow? You can put the radio on and listen to the weather report. If you want to know what the population of the United States will be in 1970, just read the statistics. It is too bad, however, that we cannot know the future in other fields. We do not know, for instance, when God wishes to call us. We cannot go to church and hear that a Mass will be offered next Sunday for the repose of our own soul.

Because death can come so unexpectedly, one should always be prepared to meet with the judgment of God. We should not live our lives in a slipshod, devil-may-care manner. Life holds too much to enjoy and too many opportunities to better ourselves and to help others who are less fortunate. One cannot simply go through the various phases of life just thinking of himself and hope to have a perfect happiness after death. Material goods can bring a feeling of sensual gratification for a short period, but after a time we will tire of these goods and there will result an endless search for perfect happiness, which can only be fully realized in heaven.

As God can end our earthly lives and call us either to eternal happiness or to everlasting despair, we should always live in such manner as would be pleasing to Him and would merit us our eternal reward—the BEATIFIC VISION.

In Memoriam

Former Principal Mourned

Three generations of students, residents of Brooklyn, Queens and Long Island, joined in mourning Mother Rose Gertrude, a founder and academic dean of Molloy College for Women at Rockville Centre, who died Monday, May 7th, after an outstanding career in the field of education.

Mother Gertrude was born Anna Hoenighausen in Brooklyn, on February 4, 1887. She attended All Saints Grammar School and Girls High School prior to entering the convent. She entered The Dominican Order at Amityville, in March, 1905, from All Saints parish and was professed on May 11, 1907.

In 1924 Mother Gertrude returned

to serve as the principal of All Saints until 1936, during which time she also served as supervisor of schools in the Diocese of Brooklyn. Upon leaving All Saints, she founded Dominican Commercial High School, in Jamaica.

A Solemn Requiem Mass was offered at St. Agnes Cathedral and Mother Gertrude was buried in the Dominican Sisters, Queen of the Rosary Cemetery at Amityville.

We here at All Saints, should consider ourselves privileged, in view of the fact that this great woman among many other things, served as the principal of both the high school and grammar school.



Dear Graduates,

You are indeed like God, though God is not at all like you, any more than you are like your picture although your picture is like you! You are made to the Image and Likeness of God. Keep yourself that way. Permit nothing to mar the beauty of your soul. Plant your feet squarely on the road to happiness, your eternal salvation, and stray neither to the right nor to the left. Wherever life leads you on your road through life, base all your actions on the principles in which you were so thoroughly grounded in your High School Years. Life is what you make it as long as you place your hand in that of Our Blessed Mother and ask her help all along the way. May your life be a holy, happy and successful one under the guidance of Our Blessed Lady and her Divine Son.

S.M. Gertrude Magdalen, OP

Poetry

As 200 graduates walk down the aisle,
With God watching over them each
with a smile,

The memories held in school these
four years,

Will make a few of those smiles
change to tears.

The fun as a freshman on initiation
day,

As sophomores we worried about
History and B.A.

Our Junior Prom, forgotten by few,
With a setting of Paris, unforgettable
too.

Then came Senior year at last,
But now we realize it went too fast.

The wonderful Sisters, we'll miss
their advice,

And then the teachers who have
been so nice.

These are a few of our treasured
memories,

There are so many more, each
graduate agrees,

EXCELSIOR! will remain as our
cry,

For we'll never forget "All Saints
High."



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Last Will and Testament

Being of unsound mind and jangled nerves we, THE SENIOR CLASS OF 1962, ordain this as our Last Will and Testament. The following are legacies and bequests of all we possess which we are leaving to those near and dear to us:

1. Reverend Sister M. Gertrude Magdalen, O.P. We leave our prayers and gratitude.
2. Reverend Sister Marie Corita, O.P. A record entitled "Who eats the most in All Saints Convent" by your neighbors across the yard!
3. Sister Mary Allison, O.P. One complete course in "How to do the twist to a sten record."
4. Sister M. Ann Dominici, O.P. A complete Office Practice Room in which all the machines work!
5. Sister M. Anselma, O.P. A recording saying: "Have all the seniors paid for the Communion Breakfast."
6. Sister Mary Arlene, O.P. We leave to you all our loud and clear voices.
7. Sister Mary Donald, O.P. Many thanks for helping us through the history regents.
8. Sister Mary Douglas, O.P. To our junior-year lawyer we leave a gift certificate for "A Day in Court."
9. Sister M. Ellen William, O.P. A frankfurter between a hamburger bun.
10. Sister Maria Francesca, O.P. One manual illustrating "How to Become a Hollywood Director in Ten Easy Lessons."
11. Sister Mary Francis Benedict, O.P. A sealed envelope containing a full explanation of the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt, and a bottle of tranquilizers.
12. Sister M. George Ella, O.P. Very sincere thanks for your perfect example during the past four years.
13. Sister M. Jean Gregory, O.P. We leave to you our imaginations.
14. Sister Jude Marie, O.P. To our lunchroom cashier we leave a coin return machine.
15. Sister Mary Kieran, O.P. The correct spelling of her name in the next yearbook.
16. Sister Margaret George, O.P. The original Profit and Loss Statement from the Copa Cabana. Also the 643,592,241.64 dollars from our unbalanced books.
17. Sister Martin Joseph, O.P. A charge account at Fort Knox.

Honor Roll

PRINCIPAL'S LIST*

Seniors:

*R. Capobianco
*A. Griffin
*J. Beetz
*B. Kreshak
*B. Thompson

Juniors:

C. Radlak
C. Waligovska
R. Pandone
*A. Siletti
*S. De Bendetto
D. Healy
*M. Lo Porto
*C. Bedell
*C. Gohery
M. Liantonio
K. Scully
*K. Ingianne

Sophomores:

*G. Falcone
*C. Kulawas
*S. De Vita
*B. Di Martino
J. Halychyn

Freshmen:

M. Rocca
*S. Czyzewski
M. Valinew
V. Grippo
*C. Butz
M. Murphy
J. Zalewski
*C. Wagner
A. Godlewski
M. Lupo
V. Rodriguez
G. Spinelli
A. Di Giovannido

18. Sister Marie De Sales, O.P. All our r's rolled up into one surprise package! Also an interview with Fidel Castro.
19. Sister Marie Patricia, O.P. One loud-speaker and a printing press complete with ink.
20. Sister Melmarie, O.P. We leave our tickets and unsigned late passes.
22. Sister Rose Immaculata, O.P. 186 used biology manuals.
23. Sister Mary Stephen, O.P. We leave you all our unpaid bills. Sorry!
24. Sister Winifred Marie, O.P. One book entitled "What Teenagers Are Really Like."
25. Mrs. Patricia Albanese. A supply of algebra books with all the pages.
26. Mrs. Edna Coleman. Two tickets to vocabularyland.
27. Miss Eileen Ernst. We leave our gold-plated throat atomizers plus a year's subscription to the magazine "Susie in the Back."
28. Mrs. Susan Magan. What can be more meaningful than the 186 hand-me-down gym suits without the bloomers.
29. Miss Rose Martino. A bowling team that will win!
30. Miss Clara Sorrocco. Best of luck in teaching your sophomores to understand "Julius Caesar."
31. Miss Cynthia Tutundgy. To our guidance teacher, we leave our failing marks and reports that were sent home.
32. Miss Judith Vanderhoof. Best of luck in your future years at All Saints.
33. Mrs. Court and Mrs. Sutton. To our connoisseurs we leave a Betty Crocker Cookbook.

Spotlight on Students



LUCY EARLY

When asked what Lucy intended to do after graduation she replied that she planned to work for the rest of her life. Strange, but true, when she said it she really meant it.

Lucy's favorite subjects were history and religion. History, because it reconstructs everything that happened during the important periods of time, and religion because it tells all about God and the different states of life. She enjoys baby sitting very much because she gets to know little children and their habits which are very amusing. Lucy said this of the sisters and teachers: "I would like to take this opportunity to thank the sisters and teachers for their patience and unselfishness in my years at All Saints."

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PATRICIA HUGHES

After graduation Patricia is planning to work as a typist. Her favorite subjects are office practice because she enjoys typing and work on the various machines, and algebra because it was made very interesting by her former teacher, Sister Rose Concepta.

Her favorite sports and pastimes are bowling, ice skating, and dancing. When asked if she had anything to pass on to the rest of the students she had this to say: "All students should do their best and try to participate in as many school activities as possible. By doing so, there are pleasant memories to look back on in later years. I will always be grateful to the sisters and teachers at All Saints for their kindness throughout my four years."



Sister Jude Marie, Sister Ann Dominici, Sister Gertrude Magdalen, and Sister Martin Joseph observe 4B4 as they operate new IBM Selectric typewriters and executors.

Attention Workers!

Students from 14 up to 18 years of age who plan to work this summer were reminded today by Principal S.M. Gertrude Magdalen O.P., Principal of All Saints C. D. High School, to get their working papers before school closes.

She announced that the school will aid youngsters in preparing their applications for standard employment certificates or vacation or farm work permits, and would arrange appointments with the school physician for the necessary physical fitness tests.

The school official warned that delays might occur if pupils put off completing their applications until after school closes, since a certifying officer and physician would be less rapidly available during the summer months.

Youngsters under 18 who have already left school and who have not yet obtained working papers should apply at the public school office nearest their homes for application blanks and instruction folders.

1962 Yearbook Distributed

Under the guidance of Sister Melmarie, the 1962 edition of the *Excelsior yearbook* was completed and distributed. This yearbook holds delightful memories of the past year. The future graduates will cherish their yearbook and in years to come will enjoy reminiscing over their high school days in All Saints.

This edition of the yearbook brings new changes in the format. The photographs of the classes are arranged differently. Last year the pictures of the students were arranged according to class number, this year the pictures are arranged in one main group. Another new aspect of the yearbook is the different type of paper used. Most of the students appreciated the new changes and show-

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Teacher: "Are you quite sure you wrote this without any help?"

Student: "Absolutely."

Teacher: "Then I'm very pleased to meet you, Mr. Shakespeare. I thought you died years ago."

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Square: "Going around with girls keeps you young."

Cube: "Yeah? How's that?"

Square: "I started going around with them when I was a Freshman and now, three years later, I'm still a Freshman."

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The human brain is a wonderful thing. It starts working the moment you wake up in the morning and doesn't stop until you are called on in class.

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Real Estate Agent: "Now here is a house without a flaw."

Bostonian: "What do you walk on?"

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Some advice for students—Never try to become the teacher's pet by behaving in an ideal fashion. Just send money.

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Chewing gum and eating candy in school are childish pastimes. Bring a TV Dinner.

ed their pleasure by their voiced opinions. A freshman showed her school spirit when she gave her opinion of the yearbook. She said: "I think that this yearbook is really 'boss'. Because it has to do with All Saints, and anything that has to do with all Saints is the best."

Sister Melmarie and the members of the *Excelsior* staff should be highly commended for the exceptional manner in which they carried on this arduous task.

You Don't Say

Question: What has been the most cherished day in your Senior Year?

Barbara Thompson, 4B-1:

I will never forget the walk down the aisle to have my ring blessed by Father. The blessed ring reminded me of the spiritual ring that God will place on my finger on the happy day of my final vows as a Sister of Charity.

Josephine Bongiovanni, 4B-2:

Senior Day—For the first time in my four years in high school, I realized the warmth of all the friends I had made and the guidance of the wonderful sisters and teachers.

Judy McCormick, 4B-4:

Ring Day—When receiving my ring, I felt that I had accomplished something worthwhile. I also had a feeling of gratitude and thankfulness to the sisters and teachers that helped me to obtain my goal.

Question: Who is your favorite T.V. personality?

Mary Ellen Coleman, 2B-6:

This is easy to answer. My favorite T.V. personality is Vincent Edwards (Ben Casey). If you have ever had the opportunity to watch him you will agree with me but if you haven't as yet, take my advice and watch him. He has a great personality and takes his acting career seriously.

Elizabeth Thompson, 2B-6:

I think Richard Chamberlain (Dr. Kildare) is a fabulous actor and extremely handsome. Need I say more?

Fashion Parade

For the first time, the Student Council presented a delightful Fashion Show. The elegant fashions consisted of dresses suitable for business wear, summer frocks, evening gowns and a sneak preview of what our future attire might be.

Since most of the girls will be going to business, these fashions served as a guide in the selecting of clothes which are appropriate for future secretaries. Smart summer dresses in prints and pastels were also modeled. These dresses were extremely colorful which brought the aura of summer. The dazzling evening wear was exquisite. The girls wore gowns of lace and chiffon decorated with rhinestones, highlighting the beauty of the gown.

Lastly, a fashion with much beauty and simplicity in style was the garb of a DOMINICAN SISTER.